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1. CHINA

NCNA ANNOUNCED THURS THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAS BEEN REPLACED BY HUANG HUA (REUTER, CHITRIB; SUN, WSJ, PHINQ). NYT RUNS BIO ON "FORMIDABLE CHINESE DIPLOMAT" HUANG.

KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL PARTY CMTE HAS DECIDED FERRET OUT/ INVESTIGATE "GANG OF FOUR." PLA GENERAL STAFF DEPUTY CHIEF LIANG LAUNCHED FIERCE ATTACK ON "GANG OF FOUR" AT RECENT NPC STANDING CMTE SESSION, ACCORDING RADIO PEKING (REUTER HK).

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KYODO RPTS FROM PEKING THAT WEAK EARTHQUAKE SHOOK CITY THURS; BARELY FELT, NO DAMAGE REPORTA(AP, WSTAR 12/2).

EPA REPORTS RADIOACTIVITY TRACES FROM PRC'S 11/17 NUKE

EXPLOSION HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MILK IN SYRACUSE/KNOXVILLE/
AUSTIN, BUT AMOUNTS TOO SMALL TO POSE HEALTH THREAT (REUTER
WASHINGTON 12/2).

2. CHINA/AUSTRALIA

NCNA REPORTS AUSSIE CP CHIEF, EF HILL, WAS FETED IN PEKING
THURS NIGHT AT BANQUET ATTENDED BY LI HSIEN-NIEN, OTHER
GOVT OFFICIALS (REUTER HK)

3. KOREA

TWELVE HOUSE DEM REPS URGE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE INVESTIGATE
SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING ALLEGATIONS (VOLZ, NYDN; NYT).
HOLLORAN (NYT) SAYS REQUEST COMES AS FEDS CONTINUE EXPRESS
SATISFACTION W/QUALITY INFO THEY'RE GETTING FROM "KCIA
DEFECTOR" KIM SANG KEUN.

WSTAR'S OPPENHEIMER (12/2) REPORTS KOREAN JOURNALIST
JULIE MOON ACTED AS GO-BETWEEN IN PERSUADING KIM SANG
KEUN, THRU HIS WIFE, OFFER JUSTICE FULL COOPERATION IN
EXCHANGE FOR US ASYLUM. "SOURCE CLOSE TO CASE" CLAIMS
KIM "KNOWS WHERE THE BODIES ARE BURIED,; LOT OF PEOPLE ON
CAPITOL HILL "SHOULD BE SHAKING IN THEIR BOOTS RIGHT
NOW."

MACLEAN/COATES (CHITRIB) QUOTE EX-ROK EMB/WASH OFFICIAL,
FORMER SECY TO AMB KIM DONG JO, LEE KEUN PAL, AS STATING
PRES PARK PERSONALLY SENT LARGE SUMS CASH WASH VIA ROK AMBS
FOR USE IN HILL LOBBYING. LEE ASSERTS AMB WOULD FREQUENTLY
VISIT HILL IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURN FROM KOREA/BLUE HOUSE.
LEE ALSO NOTES KIM SANG KEUN ONLY KCIA OPERATIVE AT ROK
EMB HERE FROM VERY BEGINNING INFLUENCE-PEDDLING/BRIBERY
PLOT. "OFFICIALS CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION"
DISCLOSE KIM "NAMING NAMES" AND IMPLICATING MORE MEMBERS
CONGRESS THAN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN.

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NYT'S REED NOTES LA GOV EDWARDS BECOMING "UNCHARACTERIS-
TICALLY FLAPPABLE" IN EXPLANATIONS HIS LOVE FOR GAMBLING
AND HIS WIFE'S 1971 ACCEPTANCE 10,000 DOLS FROM TONGSUN
PARK. UPON RECENT RETURN LA FROM FREE TRIP HARRAHS'
CASINO/LAKE TAHOE, EDWARDS TOLD REPORTER TRIP "NONE OF
YOUR GODDAMN BUSINESS," AND SAID "PRINT IT JUST LIKE
THAT." REPORTER DID (WSTAR 12/2).

KIHSS (NYT) SAYS PLANS UNDERWAY FOR NEW NY DAILY NEWSPAPER,
"THE NEWS WORLD," WHICH WILL SUPPORT CAUSES REV MOON/
UNIFICATION CHURCH.

4. JAPAN

CONGRESSIONAL/DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY JAPAN MAY SIGN AGREEMENT W/US RESTRICTING JAPANESE FISHERMEN FROM WATERS WITHIN 200 MILES AMERICAN COAST. FOURTH ROUND NEGOTS DUE BEGIN 12/13. TWO CONGRESSMEN ALSO REPORTED PLANNING INTRODUCE LEGISLATION NEXT MONTH DESIGNED STOP FON INTERESTS, INCL JAPAN/USSR, FROM BUYING INTO US SEAFOOD FIRMS, THEREBY CIRCUMVENTING FISHING LIMIT LAW (DE SILVA, REUTER 12/2).

MIKI MAKING LAST-DITCH EFFORT WIN VOTES IN FINAL WEEK CAMPAIGNING. PROMISES REFORM LDP FROM WITHIN, CUTTING TIES BETWEEN MONEY/POWER. STRUGGLE REMAIN PM SEEN BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT; RECENT NEWSPAPER POLL SHOWS LDP FAVORS FUKUDA OVER MIKI 3-TO-1 (OKA, CSM).

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, OKA REPORTS JCP SHOWING GREAT FLEXIBILITY, WILLING COOPERATE W/ANYONE WILLING JOIN THEM IN QUEST FOR "MORE TOLERABLE" GOVT. JCP NO LONGER INSISTS ON ABROGATION US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, WHICH BRINGS ITS FOPOL MORE IN LINE WITH SOCIALISTS/OPENS WAY FOR BROAD SOCIALIST-LED, OPPOSITION PARTY COALITION.

LDP SPLINTER GROUP, "NEW LIBERAL CLUB," SEEKS OFFER CONSERVATIVES CHOICE THIS ELECTION. NLC LEADER KONO STRESSES GROUP'S YOUTH/THEIR COMMITMENT BREAK AWAY FROM BIG BUSINESS/FACT NLC HAS "NO TIES TO POWER AND AUTHORITY" (JAMESON, LAT 12/1).

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THARP (WSJ) REPORTS TANAKA "SUREFIRE BET" RETAIN DIET SEAT, DESPITE LOCKHEED INDICTMENT/JAIL TERM. VICTORY VIRTUALLY ASSURED BY HIS TIGHT-KNIT FRAMEWORK PERSONAL CONTACTS/FLAMBOYANT CAMPAIGNING IN "HUEY LONG TRADITION," AIMED AT BREADAND-BUTTER ISSUES.

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO) SAYS ACCORDING RECENT INTERVIEWS WITH INTELLECTUALS/HISTORIANS/WRITERS/POLITICIANS/VOTERS, JAPAN IN MIDST DEVELOPING OWN BRAND MATURE DEMOCRACY, UNIQUELY COMPATIBLE W/JAPANESE CHARACTER. SENSE OF OBLIGATION/TIGHT POLITICAL ORGANIZATION STRONGEST FORCES, WHICH USUALLY SERVE FAVOR INCUMBENTS. NEW GENERATION EMERGING WHICH BEGINNING HOLD POLITICIANS MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACTIONS/EMPHASIZE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS WITHIN SOCIETY, RATHER THAN OBLIGATION TO IT.

IN 12/1 ARTICLE, MALCOLM NOTES JAPANESE "MEET THE PEOPLE" CAMPAIGN. CANDIDATES CRUISE CITY ROADS FOR 10 HOURS DAILY IN CARS EQUIPPED W/LOUDSPEAKERS, 3 TIMES EACH EVENING MAKE BRIEF SPEECHES TO SMALL CORNER GATHERINGS.

JAL FLIGHT CREWS ON STRIKE FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE DAY TO

PROTEST NEW TRAINING PROGRAM THEY SAY WILL DELAY PROMOTIONS; 77 OF 122 FLIGHTS CANCELLED (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE AUTOMAKERS INDICATE IF FORCED BUILD CARS IN US IN ORDER REMAIN COMPETITIVE, WOULD PROBABLY BE JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN 2 OR MORE FIRMS. TOYOTA/NISSAN BOTH SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING US ASSEMBLY PLANTS; NJ GOV BYRNE BELIEVES HIS STATE MAY HAVE LEAD OVER OTHER CONTENDING STATES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION (DOLE, CSM).

FON MINISTRY ANNOUNCES 2-DAY, US-JAPAN GOVT-LEVEL TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE 12/6 IN TOKYO ON JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS TO US. ADDS MTG WILL BE INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WORLD STEEL TRADE (REUTER TOKYO).

TRANSPORT MINISTRY ANNOUNCES JAPAN WILL ACCEPT EC PROPOSAL HOLD TALKS ON CURBING ITS SHARE WORLD SHIPBUILDING; HOPES NEGOTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO BEFORE XMAS (REUTER TOKYO).

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HARRIS TRUST VP HERBERT NEIL SAYS 20-25 PCT OIL PRICE INCREASE WOULD "DAMAGE" EUR/JAPANESE ECONOMIES, POSSIBLY PUSHING THEM INTO RECESSIONS, BUT WOULD HAVE ONLY "MARGINAL" IMPACT ON US (LEWIN, JOC).

IRON/STEEL INSTITUTE EXPERTS BELIEVE EC'S STEEL MILLS MAY BE OVERSTATING "STATE OF CRISIS" IN ATTEMPT GAIN BIGGER CONCESSIONS FROM JAPANESE STEEL FIRMS (DREYER, JOC).

DOLLAR EDGED HIGHER AGAINST YEN AGAIN THURS, DESPITE BANK OF JAPAN EFFORTS STEM RISE. BANKERS SAY DOLLAR IN SHORT SUPPLY RECENTLY, DUE SWITCH IN IMPORT FINANCING THAT REDUCED AMT DOLS ON TOKYO MARKET BY 200 MILLION (WSJ).

PEPSICO WILL JOIN W/FUJIYA CONFECTIONARY NEXT YEAR TO PRODUCE SNACK FOODS IN JAPAN (WSJ).

5. INDOCHINA

AS TENS THOUSANDS SOLDIERS/CIV SERVANTS/YOUTHS PARADED TO MARK 1ST ANNIVERSARY COMMUNIST TAKEOVER LAOS (WP), VIRTUALLY ENTIRE VIENTIANE POPULATION WATCHED/TOOK PART; GOVT REQUIRED EVERY HOUSEHOLD ATTEND. HI PL DIGNITARIES ATTENDED, BUT THERE WAS NONE OF CUSTOMARY ANTI-US PROPAGANDA (NYT SPEC).

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